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SUBJ: SOVIET GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON CYPRUS

1. STRONGLY WORDED OFFICIAL SOVIET GOVERNMENT
STATEMENT ON CYPRUS (ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS
TEXT FROM TASS ENGLISH WIRE JULY 17) IS FRONT-
PAGED IN ALL MAJOR MORNING DAILIES JULY 18.
STATEMENT FOCUSES ON CALL FOR UN ACTION. GREEK
GOVERNMENT IS OFFICIALLY CHARGED WITH DIRECTING
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PUTSCH, AND STATEMENT CLAIMS EVIDENCE SHOWS COUP

WAS PLANNED BY NATO CIRCLES.

2. MAIN POINTS IN STATEMENT ARE:

A. CYPRUS PUTSCH WAS ORGANIZED BY GREEK MILITARY. COUP WAS STAGED BY GREEK OFFICERS IN CYPRUS "WHO FOLLOW ORDERS FROM ATHENS." PUTSCH CONSTITUTES "RUDE INTERVENTION FROM OUTSIDE" IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF A SOVEREIGN UN MEMBER AND VIOLATES UN CHARTER. DESPITE EFFORTS BY GREEK GOVERNMENT TO PORTRAY THE COUP AS A CYPRIOT INTERNAL AFFAIR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THIS FALSE VERSION BY "SOME PEOPLE IN THE WEST," THE GREEK GOVERNMENT CANNOT AVOID RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS ACTIONS.

B. THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE COUP "WAS ACTUALLY PLANNED BY CERTAIN NATO CIRCLES." ACTION BY SUCH NATO COUNTRIES IN UNSC TO BLOCK "EFFECTIVE MEASURES IN THE UNSC TO STEM INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS" JUSTIFY THIS CONCLUSION.

C. THE UNSC MUST COME OUT RESOLUTELY IN DEFENSE OF CYPRUS.

D. SOVIET UNION SUPPORTS THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO DECIDE THEIR OWN FATE FOR THEMSELVES. SOVIET UNION SUPPORTS THE INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE OF SYPRUS AS A SOVEREIGN STATE.

E. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT BELIEVES ALL STATES MUST RAISE THEIR VOICES IN DEFENSE OF THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS HEADED BY PRESIDENT MAKARIOS AND MUST CALL FOR THE "IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS." AS A FIRST STEP ALL GREEK MILITARY PERSONNEL MUST BE REMOVED FROM CYPRUS.

F. THOSE WHO HAVE ENCROACHED ON CYPRUS'S SOVEREIGNTY, WHO ARE CONNIVING WITH THE PUTSCHISTS, OR WHO PRETEND UNAWARENESS OF THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIONS CANNOT AVOID THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.

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